

City of Centerville City Council Meeting on July 8, 2026

The Centerville City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building Meeting Room. Council members present were Charlie Shafer, Lawrence Johnson, Rebecca Smith and Colton Adams. Brian Jones was not in attendance. Mayor Bobby Walters called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and a quorum was established.

Mayor Bobby Walters, during his "Mayor's Report", stated that there had been a lot of rain recently and this could cause several roads/ditches within the city to require some cleaning out or repairs.

Daniel Shirley, during his "Public Works Director's Report", gave an update on a grant the city has been awarded. This grant will repair/replace sewer lines on Old Bryan Road, Church Street and Polk Street. Daniel was hoping Jefferson Street would be included in this, but there will not be enough grant funds to support Jefferson Street too.

Daniel also explained that Stewart Street is in need of a new water line. At the time the water lines are being replaced, fire hydrants will also be added in this area.

Public Comments:

1. Glenn Franklin would like to see the culvert at North Polk and West Main repaired or replaced. He thinks this would keep the street from collecting so much water during heavy rainfall.
2. Council member Colton Adams read a letter aloud that stated three (3) recommendations he would like to bring to everyone's attention. The first one being meeting agenda items and their clarity. The second one being the posting places of meeting agendas. The third being he would like to see the city's website and its Facebook page kept up to a more current status.

Rebecca Smith made a motion to approve the June 3, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented. Colton Adams gave the second to this motion. Motion carried 4 ayes 0 noes and 1 absent

Charlie Shafer made a motion to approve the June 18, 2026 special called meeting minutes as presented. Rebecca Smith gave the second to this motion. Motion carried 4 ayes 0 noes and 1 absent

Mr. Steele was present to give a review of the 2024/2025 fiscal year audit. He told the Mayor and City Council members that for a city the size of Centerville, Centerville was found to be in a very good financial state. He said if the city decided to make a governmental decision to increase its water/sewer rates, this would help to offset future costs in regards to water line/sewer line repairs, equipment repairs, construction needs, etc. Mayor Walters asked Mr. Steele if it would be possible for the city to have their future audits completed by the March 30th deadline each year. Mr. Steele said they were urging their municipal clients to start gathering audit information and documents as soon as their fiscal year ended and this would help the auditors be able to finalize the audits in the needed time frame.

Lawrence Johnson supported the first motion approving to adopt a Resolution to accept forms TWDB-0201A and TWDB-0201D appointing a designated representative and naming signatory delegations for the City of Centerville; and, to authorize the submission of the Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant as administered through Texas Water Development Board. A second motion came from Charlie Shafer. Motion carried 4 ayes 0 noes and 1 absent

There was no action taken in regards to Bleyl Engineering's recommendation letter to award a construction contract for GLO Project #24-06-083-E759.

The seismographic company addressed Mayor Walters and asked to be reconsidered (the board voted NOT in favor of this at a meeting on 6/3/2026) in regards to performing seismographic work within the Centerville city limits. The Mayor and City Council members have concerns with this work being done within the city and possibly on private property of Centerville's citizens. Lawrence Johnson supplied the first motion not approving the seismographic work being performed within the Centerville city limits. Colton Adams agreed to a second motion. Motion carried 4 ayes 0 noes and 1 absent

No action was taken in regards to the audio/video cameras on and around the City Hall building. Board member Colton Adams read aloud a statement he had prepared in regards to this subject matter. *SEE ATTACHED

There was discussion in regards of what to do in a situation where a water/sewer customer cut off/removed a lock from a city meter that was placed there by a city employee. Charlie Shafer brought the first motion approving to add a new statement to the city's water/sewer application stating that if a lock is cut off/removed by a customer there would be a \$500.00 tamper fee charged to the customer. Also, there could be an additional \$25.00 fee charged to the customer for each time a city employee visited the location to verify the new lock had not been cut off/removed again from the city's meter, until the water/sewer account was deemed to be in good standing. Lawrence Johnson volunteered a second motion. Motion carried 4 ayes 0 noes and 1 absent

Colton Adams expressed the first motion approving renewal of the Republic Waste Services Contract with the city. Charlie Shafer followed with a second motion. Motion carried 4 ayes 0 noes and 1 absent

There was discussion in regards to having a future mediation meeting between the City and the Centerville Volunteer Fire Department either directly or between each organization's attorneys. Mayor Walters suggested the two parties share the cost of this meeting. He also said he thought the mediation meeting would be a good time to further discuss the audio/video cameras that the VFD have placed on and around the City Hall building. Rebecca Smith provided the first motion requesting the City and the VFD each compose an outline of their concerns in order to better understand what will need to be addressed at the mediation meeting; and, approving to have the mediation meeting between the City of Centerville and the VFD. Lawrence Johnson furnished a second motion. Motion carried 3 ayes 0 noes 1 absent and 1 abstained

Motion to approve employee time sheets for the month of June 2026 came from Charlie Shafer. Lawrence Johnson supported a second motion. Motion carried 4 ayes 0 noes and 1 absent

Motion to pay the bills was first given by Rebecca Smith and was then seconded by Colton Adams. Motion carried 4 ayes 0 noes and 1 absent

Motion to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. was given by Charlie Shafer and was seconded by Colton Adams. Motion carried 4 ayes 0 noes and 1 absent



Teresa Bates, City Secretary



Bobby Walters, Mayor

Mayor Walters and Fellow Council Members,

I wanted to address the concerns that have been brought up about the fire department's security cameras.

Those cameras are there for one purpose, to protect the fire station, the firefighters, and the emergency equipment that our community depends on. We have millions of dollars' worth of fire apparatus, medical equipment, rescue tools, and other equipment in that building. Protecting those resources isn't optional. It's part of our responsibility to make sure they're ready when someone calls 911.

The cameras also serve a much bigger purpose than just protecting the fire station. The Leon County Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office use footage from the cameras on almost a weekly basis during criminal investigations. They often use the cameras along with footage from Family Dollar, Lacey's, and the courthouse to help track vehicles and people moving through town. The camera system has become a valuable tool for law enforcement.

We recently had an incident where a woman allegedly vandalized a Sheriff's Office patrol car and then walked up the street and vandalized the fire station door. The cameras captured that incident and helped document what happened. That's exactly why those cameras are there.

These cameras are not about watching people or interfering with anyone. They're about protecting critical public safety infrastructure, preserving evidence when crimes occur, and helping our law enforcement partners solve cases.

If the City is ever the victim of theft or vandalism, all they have to do is contact the Fire Chief or work through the Sheriff's Office, and they will gladly provide any video that may help the investigation. We're all on the same team, and those cameras benefit everyone in this community.

At the end of the day, these cameras protect emergency equipment, help law enforcement, and ultimately help protect the citizens we all serve. For those reasons, I believe this issue should simply be put to rest so we can stay focused on serving our community.



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